

Next Meeting

The next meeting of C.C.B.C. will be held at CONFRONT, 1130 Walnut Street on Tuesday Evening, May 30, at 7:30. Elections will be a part of this meeting. Nominations for office are open to any member of C.C.B.C. and nominations will remain open for self nominations, or nominations by other members. Members are reminded that as of June 1st, voting privileges will be limited to those who have paid the current dues rate of \$2:00, good for one year. Proof of discrimination against gay persons will be presented at this meeting, and plans laid to obtain more. Don't miss it.

Minutes of last meeting

On May the 16th, somewhat after 7:30 P.M., C.C.B.C. was convened by Terrie Mault, Co-Chair. Terrie welcomed everybody, especially two representatives from the Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern (LEPOCO) who came to present a slide show, Active Nonviolence: A Possible Alternative to Violence in Resolving Conflicts. After the show, Tim Laidman and Geoff Vitale led a rather lengthy discussion about the applicability of the subject of the slide show to our situation. It was suggested that C.C.B.C. explore the possibility of having a workshop on active non-violence training for interested members. Some members volunteered to take this up with Tim and Geoff.

Following the program, an agenda of six items was gathered for the business meeting. The first item was a meeting requested by the Call-Chronicle for a meeting with Joe Burns. The meeting was to discuss an upcoming editorial on gays. Having asked if other persons had been contacted by the paper, Joe announced the meeting would be held on May 31st. The second agenda item was the call for nominations to C.C.B.C. offices which have fallen vacant to written or promised resignations. Those who were relieved at this meeting were: Joe Burns for male co-chair, Robert Woods for Secretary (current Acting secretary), and David Bridenthal for Vice-Chair for Publicity. Some concern was expressed that other offices can not be filled and certain staff functions therefore no met. The third agenda item was futures planning. A motion was generated from the subsequent discussion (complementing the previous discussion) and was carried that Dan E. look into the possibility of arranging a weekend workshop (preferably in Allentown) by Movement for a New Society (Phila.) on Leadership and Nonviolent Training. A non-agenda item was then discussed. A member asked that C.C.B.C. give official endorsement to a letter she planned to write to a local radio station which had broadcast a discussion about gay people. The body passed a unanimous resolution "that R.S., as a spokesperson for C.C.B.C. write a thank-you letter to WLEV-F for their coverage of concerns to the gay minority." the fourth agenda item was the establishment of a proposed strategy for C.C.B.C. at the next Allentown City Council meeting (which would be meeting the next evening.) After a lively debate, it was suggested and passed by acclaim that "C.C.B.C. go to City Council go to City Council not to speak but to wear tape over our mouths during Courtesy of the Floor to signify and protest the announced ban on public debate on the issue of Gay Rights in City Council meetings." It was further decided that a statement would be prepared for the press and distributed at the Council meeting. Because the meeting had been quite long at this point, a motion was made to adjourn and to take up the remaining agenda items (A Gay Pride Celebration and film festival) at the next meeting was passed by acclaim.

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